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PETERBOROUGH UNITED F.C. 1974–75

PEN PICTURES

ERIC STEELE. Goalkeeper who played in the last 20 matches of last season when on loan from Newcastle. Signed for £10,000 at the close of the season.

KEITH BRADLEY. An experienced full back signed for £4,000 from Aston Villa in Dec. 1972. Played in the 1971 League Cup Final against Spurs.

JOHN WINFIELD. Joined "Posh" on a free transfer after 15 years with Nottingham Forest. Injured in pre-season training but now back in the senior side.

PAUL WALKER. Another free transfer, from Wolves. Spent periods on loan to Swindon and Watford.

CHRIS TURNER. A stout defender and club captain. Six years at Peterborough after being spotted in local football. Nearly 200 League games to his credit.

JACK CARMICHAEL. A defender from Arsenal bought for £4,000 in 1970. Back in the first team after intermittent appearances last season.

BERT MURRAY. A midfield man who has missed only one game since joining the club from Brighton for £6,000 in October, 1973. Has also served Chelsea and Birmingham.

DAVID GREGORY. A striker who has been noticed this season by First Division clubs. A local product in his second professional season.

JIM HALL. A striker and longest-serving member of the side with a record 284 appearances to his credit. Signed from Northampton in 1967.

JON NIXON. Another striker who cost the club £15,000 last September when signed from Notts. County. Has also been with Derby County.

TOMMY ROBSON. Signed from Newcastle for a record £20,000 in 1968, having previously been with Chelsea and Northampton. Has made over 250 League appearances for the club, mostly as a winger.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

Today's visitors, who started life in 1923 as Peterborough and Fletton United, have had a chequered time since their election to the Football League in 1960.

Winners of the Midland League title for five successive seasons and F.A. giant-killers, Peterborough took all before them in their first season of Fourth Division football.

They swept to the championship with a record of 134 goals and centre forward Terry Bly wrote his name into the history books of soccer with 52 League goals.

But after tottering on the fringe of Third Division honours for several seasons, Peterborough were demoted to the Fourth Division in 1967 for illegal payments.

It has taken three managerial changes over the past seven years for United to reclaim their Division Three status but, despite some lean years, they have always managed to do some Cup giant-killing.

They reached the quarter-finals of the F.A. Cup in 1965, beating Arsenal 2–1 on the way, and a season later they were knocked out of the League Cup semi-finals by West Bromwich Albion.

This season, they reached the fifth round for only the second time in their history, only to lose to First Division Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park.

Nicknamed early on in their history as the "Posh", Peterborough won the Fourth Division Championship last season with the following record:

W.27 D.11 L.8 F.75 A.38 Pts 65

which this season's promotion aspirants will have great difficulty in surpassing.

After starting this season with eight points out of the first five games, they have been up in second position on a few occasions and if they could make full use of their games in hand they could still be in the promotion possibles.

Up to the Easter games, Peterborough had the best away record in the League with

W.8 D.2 L.7 F.18 A.25

When the two clubs met at London Road in September, North End held them to a goalless draw.

MANAGER

When former Coventry City manager Noel Cantwell took over affairs at London Road in October 1972, once-proud Peterborough were struggling at the bottom of the Fourth Division.

The former West Ham and Manchester United full back immediately promised supporters Second Division football within the space of four years. He quickly acquired former Arsenal and Nottingham Forest forward John Barnwell as coach and set about fulfilling his bold promise.

He guided the club away from the re-election zone, rebuilt the side in the close season and brought the Fourth Division championship trophy back to the "Posh" for the second time in 13 years.

In his playing days, Cork-born Cantwell made over 40 appearances for Eire, some as captain, and, when transferred from West Ham to Manchester United for £35,000, he was the costliest full back in the country.

One of his highlights came in 1963 when he led Manchester United to victory over Leicester in the F.A. Cup final.

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Football mathematicians all over the country will have been indulging in that end-of-the-season pursuit of working out their favourites' chances either of the championship or promotion or avoiding relegation and now that the busiest part of the season is over the answers should be much clearer.

I had to do my sums before Easter for the purposes of today's programme and I then calculated that 60 points would earn us promotion for sure. Three or four less would still put us in with a chance.

I have been accused of chasing lost causes but I believe this is the thing to do and I do not consider myself as one who chases lost causes unrealistically. I am not a pessimist and while there are still sufficient matches left I cannot rule us out of promotion. We have not lost sight of the others and our goal average is good enough to be worth a point in the final reckoning.

There will be no throwing in the towel by us – that is not the way I play football or want the lads to play it.

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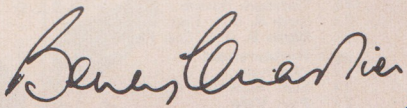
ON CHAT

Even if it comes to a point where we have no chance we hope to keep up the entertainment by giving maximum effort. The teams above us know they have to keep going and we shall try to make it a contest by keeping pressure on all the time.

If we have got the right results by now today's match against Peterborough will be important because they, too, have a chance. Their involvement in the Cup has meant that they have matches in hand and we can, therefore, expect them to put up a keen fight. My senitments are, of course, the sort of thing I expect Noel Cantwell will be saying to his boys.

It now remains to be seen whether any of the clubs above us fail and we shall be watching Charlton Athletic especially in view of that final match of the season, when we face them at the Valley.

And, finally, I hope our supporters will have been able to spare a thought for the players, most of whom will have played three games in four days. Easter is a time when footballers have to look after themselves, a sort of self-denial period while others can enjoy themselves. A lot of people think of players as playboys indulging in lots of late nights and drinking, but the fact is that 99% of the players are too dedicated for that kind of life and are fully committed to the game. We hope, therefore, to have salvaged something from the Easter programme which will have made our previous efforts during the season worth while.



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League: Third Division Champions
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1941

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1938

F.A. Youth Cup Finalists
1960

First Team Record

SEASON 1974–75

1974		Opponents		Rslt.	Pts	Gate
Aug.	17	**Plymouth Argyle**	h	1–0	2	11663
,,	20	**Rochdale (LC1)**	h	1–0	–	7780
,,	24	Watford	a	2–3	0	8918
,,	31	**Walsall**	h	3–2	2	7446
Sept.	3	**Bury**	h	3–0	2	10404
,,	7	Aldershot	a	2–1	2	6337
,,	10	**Sunderland (LC2)**	h	2–0	–	13279
,,	14	**Blackburn Rovers**	h	0–0	1	18042
,,	17	**Charlton Athletic**	h	2–0	2	11869
,,	21	Peterborough United	a	0–0	1	13120
,,	24	Crystal Palace	a	0–1	0	19680
,,	28	**Bournemouth**	h	5–2	2	10421
Oct.	1	Bury	a	0–2	0	11914
,,	5	Hereford United	a	2–2	1	11438
,,	9	Chester (LC3)	a	0–1	–	11262
,,	12	**Colchester United**	h	0–2	0	10259
,,	19	Brighton	a	4–0	2	16413
,,	22	**Gillingham**	h	1–0	2	9861
,,	26	**Grimsby Town**	h	2–0	2	9934
Nov.	2	Halifax Town	a	0–3	0	3878
,,	6	Gillingham	a	1–2	0	10494
,,	9	**Southend United**	h	1–4	0	8295
,,	15	Tranmere Rovers	a	1–3	0	6534
,,	23	Blyth S. (F.A. Cup 1)	a	1–1	–	8500
,,	26	**Blyth S.** (F.A. Cup Rep)	h	5–1	–	10101
,,	30	**Huddersfield T.**	h	4–0	2	7958
Dec.	7	Wrexham	a	1–1	1	8266
,,	14	Bish. Auck. (FA Cup 2)	a	2–0		6500
,,	21	**Port Vale**	h	1–0	2	8743
,,	26	Blackburn Rovers	a	0–3	0	24005
,,	28	**Chesterfield**	h	2–1	2	9258
1975						
Jan.	4	**Carlisle U.** (FA Cup 3)	h	0–1	–	18682
,,	11	**Wrexham**	h	3–1	2	9293
,,	18	Huddersfield Town	a	1–0	2	7654
Feb.	1	Southend United	a	1–1	1	9134
,,	8	**Halifax town**	h	1–0	2	9786
,,	15	Swindon Town (5)	a	0–1	0	11892
,,	18	**Swindon Town**	h	2–0	2	11139
,,	22	**Tranmere Rovers**	h	1–0	2	10798
,,	28	Walsall	a	0–2	0	10151
Mar.	1					
,,	8	**Crystal Palace** (6)	h	1–1	1	12,199
,,	15	Bournemouth	a	0–1	0	7,337
,,	18	Plymouth Argyle	a	1–2	0	22,145
,,	22	**Aldershot**	h	3–1	2	7,474
,,	29	Port Vale	a			
,,	31	Chesterfield	a			
Apr.	1	**Peterborough United**	h			
,,	5	Grimsby Town (S.F.)	a			
,,	12	**Hereford United**	h			
,,	19	Colchester United	a			
,,	22	**Watford**	h			
,,	26	**Brighton**	h			
May	3	F.A.Cup Final				

First Team Appearances Season 1974–75

(37 League matches)

Bird 37; Charlton 37; Burns 36; Holden 36; Elwiss 35; Morley 35; Spark 31; Sadler 29; Lamb 25; McMahon 22; Brown 19; Tunks 18; Stiles 15; Fielding 7; Treacy 7; Coleman 6; Doyle 5; Baxter S. 4; Williams 2; Smith 1.

First Team Goal Scorers Season 1974–75

(F.A. Cup): Holden 4; Elwiss 2; Charlton 1; Morley 1.
(League Cup): Charlton 1; Holden 1; Morley 1.
(League): Holden 17; Elwiss 10; Charlton 8; Morley 8; Bird 4; Burns 1; Lamb 1; McMahon 1; Own Goal (Chesterfield) 1.

SEASON 1974–75

Division III

(including 25th March, 1975)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Ag.	Pts
Blackburn Rovers	36	19	10	7	55	36	48
Charlton Athletic	37	20	8	9	66	49	48
Plymouth Argyle	36	20	6	10	66	50	46
Crystal Palace	38	16	13	9	55	46	45
Preston North End	**37**	**18**	**6**	**13**	**52**	**42**	**42**
Port Vale	37	15	12	10	50	42	42
Swindon Town	38	16	9	13	49	50	41
Walsall	37	15	10	12	56	42	40
Gillingham	37	14	11	12	52	45	39
Colchester United	38	14	11	13	59	54	39
Peterborough United	34	15	9	10	35	39	39
Hereford United	38	14	10	14	55	55	38
Wrexham	37	12	11	14	58	48	35
Southend United	38	11	13	14	41	44	35
Chesterfield	38	13	9	16	54	58	35
Bury	37	11	11	15	40	42	33
Grimsby Town	38	11	11	16	45	57	33
Halifax Town	36	10	13	13	42	55	33
Watford	37	9	14	14	42	58	32
Brighton & H.A.	35	11	8	16	41	52	30
Aldershot	38	11	9	18	39	54	30
AFC Bournemouth	35	10	9	16	31	40	29
Huddersfield Town	37	10	6	21	42	63	26
Tranmere Rovers	35	9	7	19	44	49	25

PROFESSIONAL PLAYING STAFF Season 1974–75

	Height	Weight	Birthplace
Baxter, Stuart	6' 1"	11st 11	Wolverhampton
Bird, John	6' 0"	12st 6	Doncaster
Brown, John	5' 11½"	12st 6	Bradford
Burns, Francis	5' 8½"	10st 7	Coatbridge
Charlton, Bobby	5' 9"	12st 1	Ashington
Coleman, Gordon	5' 8½"	11st	Nottingham
Doyle, S. (App.)	5' 9"	10st 10	Neath, Glam.
Elwiss, Michael	5' 11½"	12st	Doncaster
Fielding, Mark	5' 9"	11st	Bury
Holden, Mel	6' 2"	13st 2	Dundee
Lamb, Alan	5' 9"	10st 4	Falkirk
McMahon, John	5' 9"	12st	Manchester
Morley, tony	5' 8"	10st 12	Ormskirk
Sadler, David	6' 0"	12st 10	Yalding (Kent)
Smith, John	5' 8"	10st 8	Coatbridge, Lan.
Spark, Alex.	6' 0"	12st 10	Stenhousemuir
Stiles, Nobby	5' 6"	10st 10	Manchester
Treacy, Ray	5' 9"	11st	Dublin
Tunks, Roy	6' 1"	13st	Wuppertall, W. Ger.
Williams, Gary	6' 0"	11st 4	Liverpool

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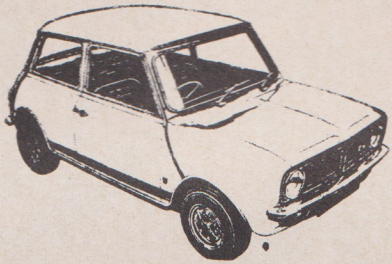

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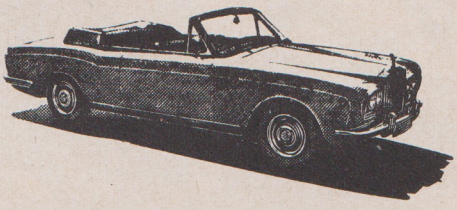

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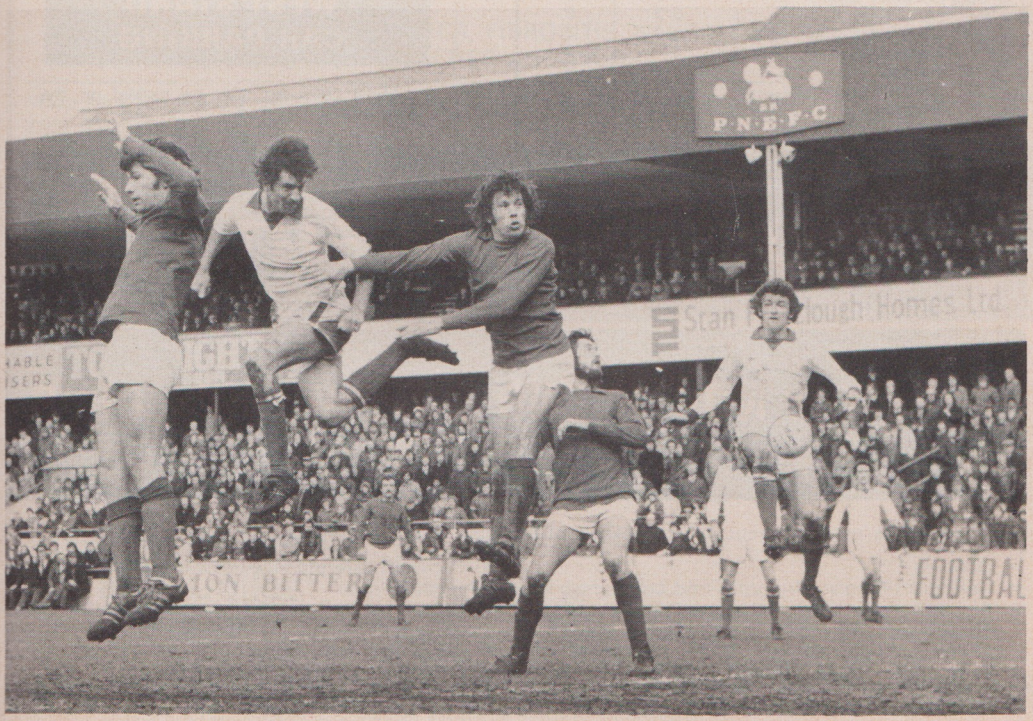
Top Right:
Bobby Charlton dashes in as a defender heads for a corner.

Bottom Right:
Mel Holden outjumps the Aldershot defence.

Below:
John Smith foiled by a defender.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Reserve Team Record

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

1974		Opponents		Rslt.	Pts
Aug.	17	Aston Villa	a	1–4	0
,,	24	**Bury**	h	2–0	2
,,	27	**Blackpool**	h	3–2	2
,,	31	Coventry City	a	1–3	0
Sept.	3	Blackpool	a	2–2	1
,,	14	Wolverhampton W.	a	2–4	0
,,	21	**Sheffield Wednesday**	h	2–3	0
,,	28	Liverpool	a	2–4	0
Oct.	5	**Bolton Wanderers**	h	1–1	1
,,	12	West Bromwich Albion	a	1–3	0
,,	14	**Wolverhampton W.**	h	1–0	2
,,	19	**Manchester City**	h	0–1	0
,,	29	Huddersfield Town	a	1–1	1
Nov.	2	**Sheffield United**	h	1–2	0
,,	5	**Blackburn Rovers**	h	0–0	1
,,	9	Newcastle United	a	1–0	2
,,	30	Burnley	a	4–2	2
Dec.	7	**Nottingham Forest**	h	1–0	2
,,	21	Leeds United	a	1–2	0
1975					
Jan.	11	Nottingham Forest	a	2–2	1
,,	15	**Liverpool**	h	1–4	0
Feb.	1	**Newcastle United**	h	1–0	2
,,	8	Sheffield United	a	0–0	2
,,	15	**Stoke City**	h	0–0	1
,,	18	Bury	a	1–1	1
,,	21	Everton	a	0–1	0
,,	25	**Derby County**	h	0–3	0
,,	28	**Coventry City**	h	1–0	2
Mar.	5	Derby County	a	0–3	0
,,	8	Manchester United	a	2–0	2
,,	15	**Leeds United**	h	3–1	2
,,	18	**Burnley**	h	0–4	0
,,	22	Sheffield Wednesday	a		
,,	26	**Everton**	h	0–1	0
,,	31	Blackburn Rovers	a		
Apr.	5	**West Bromwich A.**	h		
,,	12	Bolton Wanderers	a		
,,	15	Stoke City	a		
,,	19	**Huddersfield Town**	h		
,,	26	Manchester City	a		
		To be arranged:			
		Manchester United	h		
		Aston Villa	h		

SEASON 1974–75

Central League

(including 24th March, 1975)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Ag.	Pts
Manchester City	37	21	8	8	52	31	50
West Bromwich A.	34	18	12	4	52	27	48
Liverpool	36	18	11	7	76	44	47
Derby County	32	17	10	5	71	30	44
Everton	35	17	8	10	45	29	42
Wolverhampton W.	35	18	4	13	52	53	40
Blackpool	37	15	8	14	54	53	38
Aston Villa	33	16	5	12	58	51	37
Nottingham Forest	34	14	8	12	63	42	36
Coventry City	34	13	10	11	60	48	36
Stoke City	34	12	12	10	40	37	36
Sheffield Wednesday	36	15	5	16	51	61	35
Leeds United	34	11	10	13	46	53	32
Newcastle United	34	12	7	15	35	41	31
Bolton Wanderers	34	8	14	12	41	49	30
Huddersfield Town	38	12	6	20	45	59	30
Manchester United	34	9	11	14	43	50	29
Preston North End	**33**	**10**	**8**	**15**	**38**	**54**	**28**
Burnley	32	9	9	14	51	57	27
Bury	33	7	8	18	44	79	22
Sheffield United	34	6	6	22	38	72	18
Blackburn Rovers	31	4	10	17	24	59	18

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With ten games or less to the end of the season's programme, Blackburn, Charlton and Plymouth appear to have opened up a substantial lead in the promotion race at the right moment. It will be difficult now for their rivals to catch them and this means that North End's hopes may have receded beyond the point of no return, along with those of Crystal Palace and numerous other clubs who have been hanging on tenaciously for so long.

For Charlton Athletic it has been a long haul up the table from the 11th position they occupied in October but Blackburn have never been out of the first five and have only lost the leadership momentarily since they first deposed North End early in October. Thus they have been one of the most consistent clubs in the Division, though North End still have the best home record.

It could be that North End ended Aldershot's dwindling chances of staying in the Third Division longer than the end of this season and the three to accompany them look as if they will be Bournemouth, Huddersfield and Tranmere Rovers, though Bournemouth, with games in hand, would probably dispute that the issue is already settled.

They are the teams which, along with Brighton, have been hovering around the bottom of the table all season, but if there were any prizes for the team which has most successfully pulled itself up by the boot-laces they must surely go to Gillingham, who were at the foot of the table early in November. Since then they have taken 29 points out of 21 games, thus dispelling any fear of relegation. In the same period, Blackburn Rovers have gained only 25 points out of 21 games and the only team to equal Gillingham's feat is Charlton Athletic.

North End's return has been 21 points from 20 matches.

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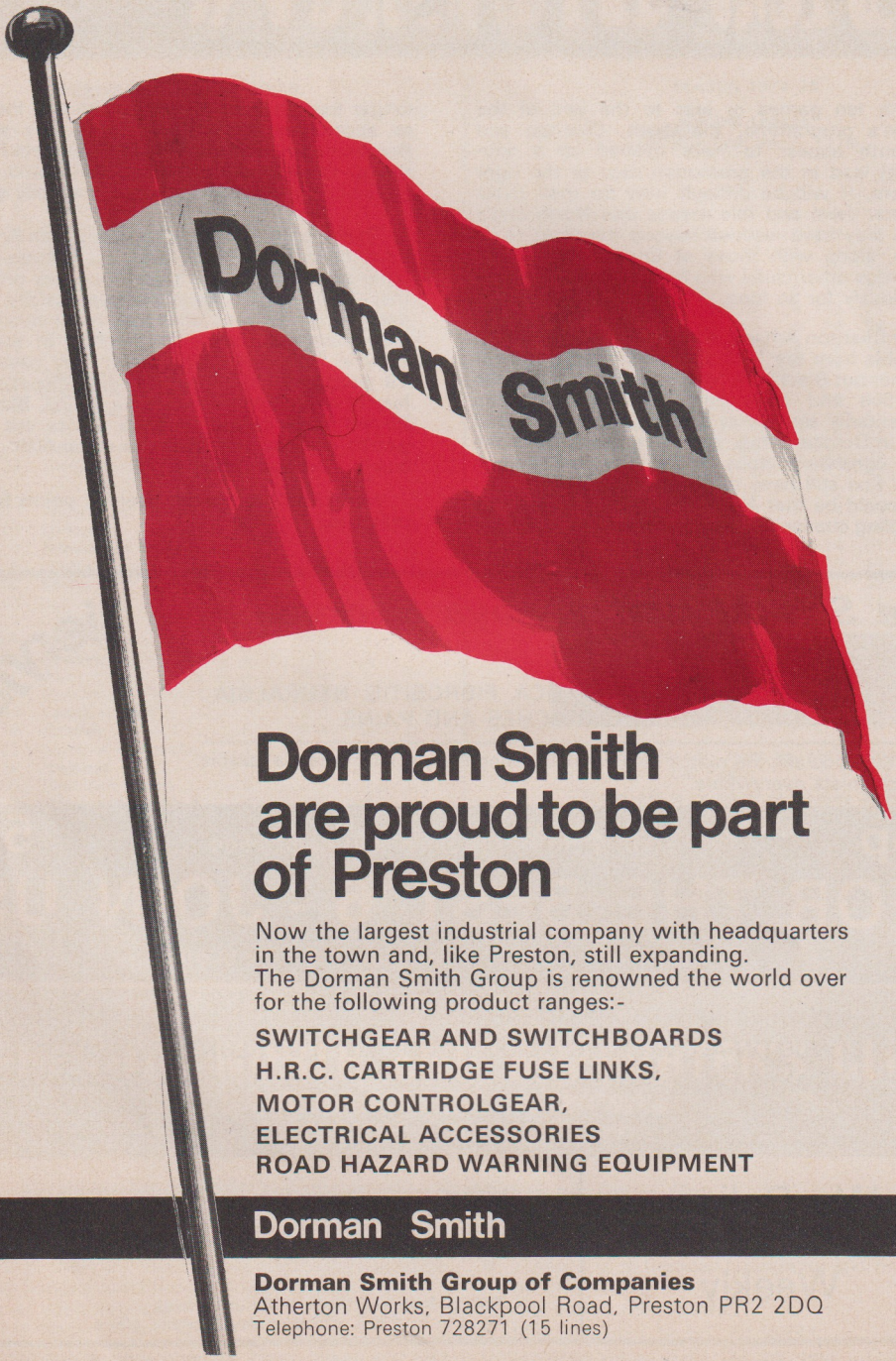

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Modern defensive-style football has had the effect of curbing individual scoring feats so that it was unusual on Saturday, March 22nd, to find that three hat-tricks were scored in the League on a day when scoring generally was above normal.

The on-target marksmen were Terry Conroy, Stoke's right winger, who not so long ago played in their Central League side at Deepdale, Leicester's Chris Garland, recently signed from Chelsea, whose three goals helped to crush Wolves, and Barnsley's local-born striker, Mike Butler.

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Also amongst the scorers that day was Gerry Ingham, the ex-North Ender, who is still slotting the odd one in for Bradford City, for whom he scored 15 times last season. On this occasion it was from the penalty spot.

Incidentally, Mel Holden's goal against Aldershot brought his total in the League to 17, which is still five short of the number netted by Ingham in North End's Third Division championship season of 1970–71.

Very early in the season we congratulated Carlisle United on being leaders of the First Division but the intervening months have seen them tumble from the top to the bottom, a disastrous record, especially as this was their debut amongst the elite of English soccer. Perhaps they used up all their luck when they beat North End in the F.A. Cup at Deepdale and now it will take a miracle to save them from returning to the Second Division.

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Not many clubs have scored more goals away from home than have been scored against them – six to be exact – and three of them, Everton. Manchester United and Mansfield, were leaders of their respective Divisions in the pre-Easter period.

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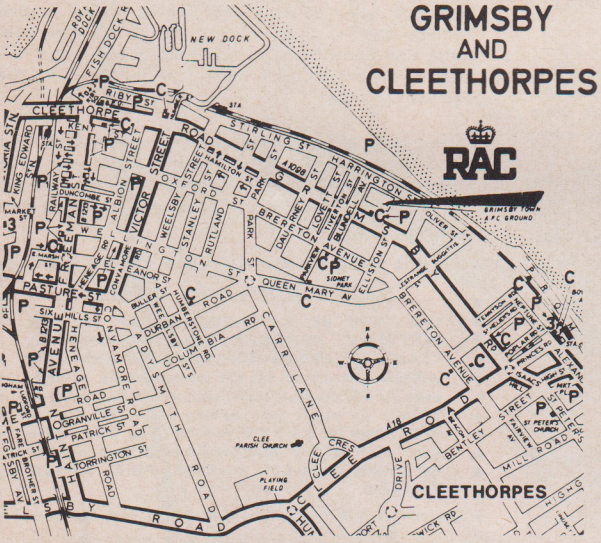

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